

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated April 26, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 3, 10, 12-14, 17-19, 21, 25-28, and 33-35 have been amended. Claims 29 and 30 have been canceled. Claims 1-28 and 30-39 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 11, 21-24 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,196,993 to *Herron et al.* (hereinafter "*Herron*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,422,751 to *Lewis et al.* (hereinafter "*Lewis*"). The Applicant traverses the rejection and requests reconsideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a liquid crystal display apparatus, comprising, among other features, "a hinge having a rotation axis, said hinge having a hinge arm extending from the rotation axis to the enclosure, the hinge arm being positioned between the liquid crystal display module and the enclosure, wherein the liquid crystal display module, the hinge arm and the enclosure are commonly secured thereto." The Applicant submits that none of the cited references, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest a liquid crystal display device having a hinge with a hinge arm, as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis* and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Similarly, claims 2, 11, and 37, which depend from claim 1, are also patentable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 21 has been amended to recite a display for a computer, which includes, among other features, "a hinge having a rotation axis, said hinge having a hinge arm extending from the rotation axis to the housing, the hinge arm being positioned between the display module and the housing, wherein the display module, the hinge arm and the housing are commonly secured thereto." As discussed above, neither *Herron* nor *Lewis*, either singularly or in

combination, disclose or suggest this feature. Therefore, the Applicant submits that claim 21 is patentable over the cited references and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Likewise, claims 22-24, which depend from claim 21, are also patentable for at least the same reasons.

The Office Action also rejected claims 3-7, 15, 16, 20, 28-32, 36, 38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis*. The Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 3 has been amended to recite a portable information processing apparatus, comprising, among other features, “a hinge secured to the main body to have a rotation axis, said hinge having a hinge arm extending from the rotation axis to the enclosure, the hinge arm being positioned between the liquid crystal display module and the enclosure, wherein the liquid crystal display module, the hinge arm and the enclosure are commonly secured thereto.” As mentioned above, neither *Herron* nor *Lewis*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest these features. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 3 is patentable over the cited references and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Similarly, claims 4, 15, 16, and 38, which depend from claim 3, are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 5 recites a portable information processing apparatus, having, among other features, “a hinge secured to the main body to have a rotation axis, said hinge having a hinge arm extended from the rotation axis to the enclosure to be positioned between the liquid crystal display module and the enclosure, wherein the liquid crystal display module, the hinge arm and the enclosure are commonly secured thereto.” The Applicant submits that neither *Herron* nor *Lewis*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest these features and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. For similar reasons, claims 6, 7, 20, and 39, which depend from claim 5, are also patentable.

Claim 28 has been amended to recite a computer, comprising, among other features, “a hinge coupled to the computer casing, wherein the display portion is coupled to the computer casing through the hinge; and a hinge arm extending from the hinge to the housing and positioned between the display module and the housing.” As outlined above, neither *Herron* nor *Lewis*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest a hinge having a hinge arm extending therefrom as recited in claim 28. As such, the Applicant submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest all the features of claim 28 and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Similarly, claims 29-32 and 36, which depend from claim 28, are patentable for at least the same reasons.

In addition, the Office Action rejected claims 8-10, 12-14, 17-19, 25-27, and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Herron* in view of *Lewis*. As discussed above with respect to claims 1, 3, 5, 21, and 28, the base claims from which claims 8-10, 12-14, 17-19, 25-27, and 33-35 depend, respectively, neither *Herron* nor *Lewis*, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest all the features recited therein. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the rejected claims are patentable over the cited references and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicant’s representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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